

IN ENGLISH, PLEASE

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Back to work ... and to basics!

September being the other month of the year fit for good resolutions and fresh starts, the time is ripe to commit this new aeronautic academic year to a grand purpose: ace the FCL055! To help you reach this goal, «In English, please» is setting up a plan of action to get you ready to fly across borders by next summer, Covid-19 permitting. The program, over a ten-month timeline, will begin with some revision, then drift towards more and more complicated situations, ending up in spring with some FCL055 VFR full exams. Back-to-basics n°1 brushes up on letters and numbers. For a refresher on the rules under which they are to be used in radio communications, you can turn to the EU'S SERA (1), and/or to Eliot's Practice Papers (2), where you'll also find more practice on the subject. Listen to the recording at www.anglais-pour-voler.com/in-english-please/2020-icp/ and find the missing letters and numbers in the text below. The full script is available at the same internet address.

Letters ... and some numbers

- () VFR flight plan to Clifton is approved, squawk ().
- Direct to ().
- Taxi () cross runway (), (), right () hold short of runway ().
- Prestige () information () QNH () we are direct to the field at () feet.
- Information ().
- Taxiway () between () feet south of taxiway () and the approach end of runway () closed.
- Taxiway ().
- We will resume class () operations at () local time.

- Information () at () ().
- Advise on initial contact you have information ().
- Verify you have information ().
- Exit taxiway () and contact ground on ().
- Take (), (), and (), monitor ().
- () roger, call me this frequency () minutes before you intend to push back.
- () continue with London on ().
- Acknowledge receipt of information ().
- () contact London ().

To add to the fun, find the letters of the alphabet that do not appear in the recordings.

Frequencies

- Contact Miami center ().
- Monitor tower (), goodbye.
- Primary frequency () back-up frequency ().
- For additional information contact HCF center on (), (), or ().
- Radar service terminated contact Port au Prince control (), good night.
- Common traffic advisory frequency is (), pilot-controlled runway lighting is available on (), aircraft on the ground requesting IFR clearance may contact Bradley approach control on ().
- Change to my frequency ().

Clouds

- Clouds few at () feet, broken at () feet.
- Broken at () feet, broken at () feet.
- Scattered at () feet, broken at () feet.

- Scattered at () feet.
- Overcast ().
- Few at () feet, scattered at () feet, ceiling broken at () feet.
- Broken (), overcast ().
- Broken (), broken (), overcast ().
- Few at () feet, broken at () feet.

Wind

- Wind () degrees () knots.
- () degrees () knots variable between () and () degrees.
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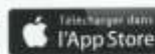
More numbers

- QNH (), (), (), (), (), (), (), (), (), () millibars.
- Squawk (), (), (), (), (), (), (), (), (), (), squawk ().

As a follow-up, more practice on letters and numbers will be available in Eliot's Practice Paper #37, which will be posted (2) around the 15th of September. Sign up for Eliot's newsletter at www.anglais-pour-voler.com to be the first to know when PP #37 is online.

(1) www.easa.europa.eu - SERA - section 14 - Voice communication procedures - SERA.14020 and SERA.14035.
(2) www.anglais-pour-voler.com/practice/ - PP #31 to #34, and #29.

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Available on the Appstore, the collection of «In English, please» articles with the audio recordings when available. The application has recently been updated with the articles up to May 2019, offering more than 148 pages of aviation-related English practice right at your fingertips.

